

of the Customs Service to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and, in particular, with the implementation of title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (commonly referred to as the "Customs Modernization Act");

(2) institute a program of ongoing self-assessment and conduct a review on an annual basis of the performance of all core functions of the Customs Service;

(3) identify deficiencies in the current performance of the Customs Service with respect to commercial operations, enforcement, and internal management and propose specific corrective measures to address such concerns; and

(4) within 6 months of the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, provide the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives with a report on the programs and reviews conducted under this subsection.

(b) **EVALUATION AND REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES.**—The Commissioner of Customs shall, as part of the development of an improved system of internal compliance, initiate a review of current best practices in internal compliance programs among government agencies and private sector organizations and, not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, report on the results of the review to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

(c) **REVIEW BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall review and audit the implementation of the programs described in subsection (a) as part of the Inspector General's report required under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App).

SEC. 203. REPORT ON PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITY.

Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Customs shall submit to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report on the Commissioner's recommendations for modifying existing personnel rules to permit more effective management of the resources of the Customs Service and for improving the ability of the Customs Service to fulfill its mission. The report shall also include an analysis of why the flexibility provided under existing personnel rules is insufficient to meet the needs of the Customs Service.

SEC. 204. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONNEL ALLOCATION MODEL.

Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Customs shall report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives on the implementation of the personnel allocation model under development in the Customs Service.

SEC. 205. REPORT ON DETECTION AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS ALONG THE SOUTHERN TIER AND NORTHERN BORDER.

Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Customs shall submit a report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives regarding the requirements of the Customs Service for counterdrug detection and monitoring of the arrival zones along the southern tier and northern border of the United States. The report shall include an assessment of—

(1) the performance of existing detection and monitoring equipment, technology, and personnel;

(2) any gaps in radar coverage of the arrival zones along the southern tier and northern border of the United States; and

(3) any limitations imposed on the enforcement activities of the Customs Service as a result of the reliance on detection and monitoring equipment, technology, and personnel operated under the auspices of the Department of Defense.

TITLE III—MARKING VIOLATIONS

SEC. 301. CIVIL PENALTIES FOR MARKING VIOLATIONS.

Section 304(l) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304(l)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(2) by striking "Any person" and inserting "(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person";

(3) by moving the remaining text 2 ems to the right; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) **CIVIL PENALTIES.**—Any person who defaces, destroys, removes, alters, covers, obscures, or obliterates any mark required under this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection shall be in addition to any marking duties owed under subsection (1)."

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the title amendment be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1833), as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "An Act to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service, and for other purposes."

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1905

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House the conference report to accompany H.R. 1905, it be considered and agreed to, the motion to consider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the conference report be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I will be pleased to join the Chairman of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator BENNETT, in presenting to the Senate what I believe is a very good conference agreement on the Fiscal Year 2000 budget.

Under the strong leadership of Chairman BENNETT, as well as Mr. TAYLOR, the House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman, and Mr. PASTOR, the Ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee, we were able to work our differences in a way that ensures that the essential functions for which appropriations are contained in this bill are able to continue their oper-

ations and to carry out their responsibilities efficiently and without any diminution of service.

In all, the recommendations that we are presenting today total just over \$2.45 billion, almost \$21 million below the Subcommittee's allocation. In reaching compromises on the various issues in the conference, Chairman BENNETT was very careful to ensure that the cuts did not unnecessarily impair the programs where those cut were taken. I shared the concerns of the Chairman that these reductions be carefully considered as to their effects, before they were agreed to.

In his statement, Chairman BENNETT has already laid out to the Senate the details of the conference agreement, which I will not repeat at this time.

I wish to congratulate the Chairman, Senator BENNETT, for his hard work throughout the year on this bill. This was my first year to serve as the Ranking Member of this important Subcommittee, and Senator BENNETT could not have been more helpful to me and my staff. It has been a real pleasure to work at his side on this bill and I look forward to continuing to work with him on all matters that are in the jurisdiction of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee.

Finally, Mr. President, I thank the staff who have worked so diligently throughout the year in assisting Chairman BENNETT and myself—Mary Dewald, who recently left the Committee staff, Edie Stanley, her successor, and Jim English, as well as Chris Kierig of my staff. They, together with Christine Ciccone, the Majority Clerk of the Subcommittee, and Chip Yost of Senator BENNETT's staff, have carried out their responsibilities in their usual, highly professional manner. Our staffs work together, as do Chairman BENNETT and I, in a non-partisan way so that the decisions that we have made throughout the year have been reached based on objective considerations, rather than partisanship.

Mr. President, I urge adoption of this conference report.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 2565 be discharged from the Banking Committee, and the Senate now proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2565) to clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.